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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, the documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the Examiner for the above patent application. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

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As set forth in the Supplemental Submission filed herewith, it is believed that the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due of November 19, 2003 was premature. Further, the Examiner has stated that she will open the application for further consideration on the merits. Thus, it is believed that the statement is appropriately made under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), or alternatively, under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) with an appropriate fee. However, in the event it is determined that this submission should be under 37 CFR § 1.97(d), the accompanying statement is provided below.

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While no fee is believed to be required, the Office is authorized to charge the appropriate fee associated with this statement to Deposit Account No. 502664.

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		11-87285	3/30/99	Japan			X*	
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